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Surgeon General Joins 14th District to Tackle Opioids



(U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams and Rep. Hultgren; Credit:

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What a great event! U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, local officials and community leaders made our [Community Leadership Forum on the Opioid Epidemic](#) a real success. Everyone involved truly benefited from Dr. Adams's story and his expertise, and from the on-the-ground stories our local leaders presented on how what they're doing is working to fight the opioid epidemic in northern Illinois.



(Rep. Hultgren convenes Community Leadership Forum at Waubonsee Community College)

There were many takeaways, including the need to together pursue a multi-pronged approach of prevention, education, treatment, recovery support and enforcement.

Click the following news stories for more:

[U.S. Surgeon General speaks at Community Leadership Forum on Opioids in Sugar Grove](#) (Kane County Chronicle)

[Surgeon General on suburban opioid response: 'Stay the course'](#)
(Daily Herald)

Celebrating #SmallBusinessWeek



(Rep. Hultgren accepts Spirit of Enterprise Award at Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce meeting)

Small businesses are the engine of Illinois' economy—supporting them is key to getting our residents back to work in quality, good-paying jobs.

It was inspiring to hear the exciting things going on in the Aurora area at the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce where we discussed taxes and jobs, and viewed their small business expo. I'm proud to have earned the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award in support of pro-jobs and pro-growth policies.

On Monday, I joined the [Job Creators Network](#) (JCN) at a stop in Wauconda as part of the organization's nationwide bus tour supporting the federal tax cuts we passed into law last year. Since the laws passed, the typical family of four in this district is saving

thousands a year. That's a lot of money, and it comes on top of the raises and bonuses that many people here are getting because of the tax cuts and the strong economy. Just this week we found out the national unemployment rate is now at 3.9 percent, the lowest rate since 2000!



(Click picture to watch video of the rally)

Previously, [I hosted a forum with small business owners](#), local residents and JCN to discuss the challenges facing small businesses—including overtaxation, overregulation and a lack of access to capital—and policies to help them grow.

Visiting Female-Owned Diamond Envelope

Many 14th District residents work at Diamond Envelope, which is 87 percent female-owned. It has 81 employees working quality jobs, and the average employee has worked there for more than 22 years!



(Rep. Hultgren visits Diamond Envelope)



(Rep. Hultgren visit Diamond Envelope)

Talking Financial Literacy and Government with High School Students



(Rep. Hultgren visits students at Neuqua Valley High School)

At Neuqua Valley High School we had a blast talking about the importance of financial literacy, including smartly building credit, planning for retirement and paying off debt sooner rather than later.

The students participated in the [Stock Market Game Capitol Hill Challenge](#), a competition which pairs individual members of Congress and financial capability programming with public schools in every congressional district nationwide to teach middle and high school students about saving, investing and government.



(Rep. Hultgren talks politics and government with AP Government class at Oswego High School)



(Rep. Hultgren meets with Oswego High School students)

The AP Government class at Oswego East High School had great questions about politics and government—how government works, what does “all politics is local” mean, what is Congress actually like day-in and day-out and more. Engagement in government and civics at an early age is encouraging, and I hope to see many students engaged in public service in the future.

Civility in Politics

Congressman Brad Schneider (D-IL) and I joined students, faculty and staff at Loyola University Chicago for a productive discussion on civility in politics and where we can work across the aisle to get things done for Illinois and the nation.



(Reps. Hultgren and Schneider speak at Loyola Chicago)



(Reps. Hultgren and Schneider visit with Loyola students)

Joining Climate Solutions Caucus

Our state, our nation and our world are blessed with an abundance of resources and natural beauty, and it is our responsibility to be good stewards of creation. Maintaining this gift demands smart, forward-looking solutions.

On Earth Day, my colleague Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-07) and I joined the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus which is split evenly between Democrats and Republicans, representing diverse districts from across the country.

The people I represent have shown they want new, innovative solutions and more choices in the energy they consume. I have consistently advocated for more fiscal federalism so local communities can make decisions that make sense for them. For example, I have seen firsthand how communities like St. Charles, working with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, have deployed solar energy.

I look forward to my continued work with Rep. Perlmutter and others on the caucus to ensure our national labs are working well and open to the public. In the last Congress, we worked together to get legislation out of the House to modernize the labs and make it easier to get new technologies out to the market, and that will be a priority of mine on the Climate Solutions Caucus.

In Your Service,



Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

- [Bumped by your airline? Local lawmakers split on remedy.](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)
- [Dozens of Iranian Christian Refugees Sue Trump Admin. for Denying Asylum Application](#) (Christian Post)
- [Federal Pro-Life Lawmakers Work to End Taxpayer Funding of Abortions](#) (Illinois Review)

- [Group of Nearly 100 Iranians Stuck in Vienna Files Class-Action Suit Against DHS](#) (Washington Free Beacon)
- [Hultgren talks gun control after St. Charles shooting](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Letter: Congrats, Rep. Hultgren](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Surgeon General on suburban opioid response: 'Stay the course'](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Surgeon general says opioid addiction harming U.S. economy](#) (Chicago Tribune/Beacon News)
- [U.S. Surgeon General has first-hand experience with opioid crisis](#) (Chronicle Illinois)
- [U.S. Surgeon General Meets With Kendall, Kane County Leaders and Others to Discuss Opioid Epidemic](#) (WSPY News)
- [U.S. Surgeon General speaks at Community Leadership Forum on Opioids in Sugar Grove](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [US surgeon general talks about opioid epidemic in Kane County](#) (ABC 7 Chicago)

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